

Minutes of the Tuesday, September 9, 2008 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, L. Tavtigian and W. O'Connor.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2008 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

S. Hoag motioned to approve the minutes from June 3, 2008, S. Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor.

Meeting Dates for 2008 and January 2009

Tues Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Tues Apr 1st, 2008	July – no meeting	Tues Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
Tues Feb 5th, 2008	Tues May 6th, 2008	<b>Tues Aug 5th, 2008 – canceled</b>	
Tues Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Tues Mar 4th, 2008	Tues June 3rd, 2008	Tues Sept 9, 2008
Tues Dec 2nd, 2008	Tues Jan 6th, 2009.		

PROJECT

Electronics recycling: October 4, 2008, May 2, 2009, October 3, 2009, as decided at the 5-6-08 CTEC meeting. The October 4 event should be organized right away. Summit uses New-Tech Recycling at 600 Apgar Road in Somerset . <http://www.newtechrecycling.com/>.

Commission discussed regarding DPW checking “township residents” ID, vendor to collect payment, no fluorescent light bulbs, continue working on volunteer schedule and secure vendor.

AWARD

NJ Clean Communities Award presented to CTEC on May 22 by the NJ Clean Communities Council for the Commission's Riverside Cleanup project. S. Hoag

EVENTS

Friday, October 3, ANJEC, Mercer County College, check website.

Saturday September 13, 9 AM-3 PM. GreenFair at Reasoner Park (Gazebo) sponsored by Chatham Borough Environmental Commission. Volunteers needed for a couple of hours to staff a booth. K. Abbott.

APPLICATION/LOI REVIEW

- NEW. 27 PEMBROOKE RD. Block 16, Lot 7. Wetlands permit application to NJDEP for a General Permit #8 to expand an existing structure.
- NEW. 689 SHUNPIKE RD. 6-27-08. Block 144, Lot 24. Wetlands permit application to NJDEP for construction in wetlands.
- NEW. 529 GREEN VILLAGE RD., GREEN VILLAGE FIREHOUSE. 6-30-08. Block 48.21, Lot 179. Wetland permit application to NJDEP to build a telecommunications tower and place equipment in wetlands buffers. CTEC sent a letter to the Board of Adjustment in May outlining the EC's observations and reservations.
- NEW. 11 WICKHAM WAY. 6-4-08. Block 48.08, Lot 5. LOI application to NJDEP.
- NEW. 656 FAIRMOUNT AVE. Plans received by Chatham Township 6-9-08. Block 17, Lots 79 and 79.01. Application to Planning Board for minor subdivision. Request to alter property lines on the two lots. No LOI has been obtained, wetlands are not shown on plans, steep slopes to rear of lots are not classified. No useable lot area calculations (required in 30-64.1 d6). Drainage is to power lines, Stonewick Drive, and then to Great Swamp

NWR. Property is in R-3 (1/2-acre) zone, each new lot would be over an acre. Two existing buildings and a shed on the lots. No soil erosion and sediment control plan. Waivers requested for EIS, topography of site may not be appropriate due to wetlands, slopes, soil types. Not shown - streams (where the pond discharges), aquifer recharge areas, wooded areas indicating predominant species and size.

- PENDING. 7 SYCAMORE DRIVE. 4-30-08. Block 38, lot 42.05. Devco Associates, LLC. Application to Planning Board for amended final site plan approval for relief from limits of slope disturbance required by ordinance as stated in code sections 30-96.24 (steep slopes) and 30-96.20 (lot grading plan). The information submitted to the EC is not sufficient to understand what the applicant proposes to do (the conservation easement cannot be disturbed regardless of any slope conditions) so the EC cannot comment at this time.

- CLOSED. 47 & 51 ORMONT RD. 4-15-08. Block 32, lots 31 & 31.01. Gunn. Application to Planning Board for after-the-fact approval of amended minor subdivision & slope variance for two already-constructed retaining walls with stairs.

Letter to Planning Board sent 5-6-08. Report on May 31 Planning Board site visit. Planning Board has required remediation and enforcement penalties.

- PENDING. REXCORP. 3-31-08. Block 142 Lots 1 & 2 in Chatham Township, and Block 3303 Lot 2 in Madison. Application to NJDEP for Freshwater Wetlands Permits: GP#6 (activities disturbing up to 1 acre in isolated wetlands), GP#10A (very minor road crossing), Transition Area Averaging Plan Waiver, for a 2-phase development to create a pump-station, Giralda Farms Concert Series concert park, sanitary sewer lines, and office space. EC letters to NJDEP sent 7-18-07 and 5-6-08. Waiting for reply from NJDEP concerning vernal pools on the property.

- PENDING. ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER. 2-15-08. Block 142, Lot 4.01. Application to NJ DEP for a Treatment Works Approval permit for a septic system receiving over 2,000 gallons per day. D. Stillinger.

- PENDING. OAK KNOLL SCHOOL. 9-11-07. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning request to break the DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing stormwater pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. CTEC is following this application.

## REPORTS & DISCUSSION

- \*Commission discussed that backhoe grading should be addressed regarding proposed tree ordinance.

- \*Township Committee report. New wooden "Welcome to Chatham Township" signs to be installed next week. Tree Ordinance passes August 14, township arborist to be assigned. Opening on Tree Commission Committee. Continuation of evaluation and testing on Brighton Rd. Township Committee report. CTEC budget to be prepared. W. O'Connor.

- \*Education and Outreach subcommittee report. Met with Tree Committee, review flyer for expo, Back to Tap nominated for ANJEC grant. *Planning Questions for Residential and Commercial Construction Projects* pamphlet distribute to township offices, local architects, related others and posted on Twp website. P. Collington.

- \*Energy subcommittee report. Applied for ANJEC award. New efficient windows and lighting fixtures at town hall to be installed. S. Carroll.

- \*Ground Water Protection Committee meeting. Ground Water Protection Committee meeting is September 17, 9 am at Chatham Borough hall, all are welcome to attend. August meeting notes are available for review. P. Collington

- \*Conservation easement data collection is progressing forward. All conservation easements are on a map on the Township web site. Linson data collection. L. Caprioglio, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger.

- \*July 19, 2008 Organic Lawn Care workshop had 50 +/- attendance. K. Abbott was a presenter.

## RECENT LETTERS SENT

- May 2008. 47 & 51 Ormont Road to Planning Board, Verizon cell tower in Green Village to Board of Adjustment, 428 River Road to NJDEP, 49 Woodmont Drive to NJDEP, RexCorp re vernal pools to NJDEP.

## LETTER TO BE SENT

- September 2008. Chatham Athletic Foundation Association, regarding the use of tire crumb rubber-based field turf concerning health and environmental impact.

MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)

- Second Supreme Recycling invoice for \$850, for a total of 2 dumpsters and total cost \$1,700.

- Nice picture of Eileen Hladky, Township Recycling Coordinator, receiving the Clean Communities award plaque.
- A letter for LeAnn Tavtigian from Community Food Bank of New Jersey
- A letter for Patricia Collington from Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.
- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli  
Minutes Secretary